

250 Victorian Waterfalls

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What a great idea for a book! To track down, visit and photograph 250 waterfalls in Victoria over six years is an amazing achievement and a tribute to the authors' persistence, patience and dedication to their goal.

Each entry on a waterfall contains information on its location, directions to it, the closest town, approximate time and distance from Melbourne, vehicle and walking access, facilities available nearby, and other points of interest. There are also references to the sources of

information accessed by the authors while researching the details printed in the text.

The whole is illustrated with superb photos, not only of waterfalls, but also other points of interest and sometimes the flora and fauna spotted during the forays.

I did have one complaint about the book and that was in the arrangement of each waterfall alphabetically under municipal area, also arranged alphabetically. This resulted in waterfalls, which can be accessed from the same parking area, being separated in their municipal groupings, with the same information for access, closest town, time and direction from Melbourne repeated for each one. It might have been more helpful for anyone who wanted to visit these waterfalls to have all of those close to be arranged together.

The arrangement of entries under municipalities was useful, but unfortunately the alphabetical ordering of councils led to some anomalies with neighbouring shires such as Colac Otway Shire and Surf Coast Shire at opposite ends of the book. An east-west or west-east arrangement across the state might have been more appropriate.

Apart from that this is an excellent book which provides great inducement to make your own visits to see many of these waterfalls. The authors have hinted that there are more waterfalls out there – I will look forward to the next edition with much interest.

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